

## Political Issues Survey

Next to each statement, write the number that best describes how you feel about that statement.

Answer as honestly as possible. Your responses will determine where you fall along a political spectrum.

5 = Completely agree

4 = Somewhat agree

3 = Agree or disagree, depending on the situation

2 = Somewhat disagree

1 = Completely disagree

- \_\_\_\_\_ The government should not enact strict laws protecting the environment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It is not the government's role to regulate businesses in order to protect consumers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage should be defined as the union of one man and one woman only.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing social welfare programs—such as Medicare, the National School Lunch Program, and Temporary Aid to Needy Families—is not the responsibility or business of the federal government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It is appropriate for the government to make laws based on moral beliefs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ State governments—rather than the federal government—should make laws for their citizens, such as setting speed limits, driver's license age, and minimum drinking age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The government should not restrict the ownership of guns and other weapons by law-abiding citizens.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abortion is the equivalent of murder and should be illegal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary prayer and scripture readings should be allowed in public schools.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The current level of defense spending should be increased.
- \_\_\_\_\_ People who make a lot of money should not have to pay more taxes than people who make less money.

- \_\_\_\_\_ It is not the government's responsibility to protect the rights of minority groups whose beliefs or actions conflict with the majority's views.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judges should apply mandatory minimum sentences for particular crimes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capital punishment should be legal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Only heterosexual males should be allowed to serve in the U.S. military in combat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The United States should build border fences to prevent people from entering the country illegally.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Convicted prisoners should not be allowed to vote while incarcerated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The United States should use force to overthrow unfriendly governments, especially if those governments have the potential to do our country harm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The United States needs to act in its own national interest, regardless of the opinion of organizations like the United Nations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ When necessary, the United States should intervene in foreign nations to protect U.S. business interests there.

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the spectrum below according to your total score.

